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For: SNAP CONNECTION FOR CONNECTING	)	
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO AN *EX PARTE* QUAYLE OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action dated August 27, 2004, the period of response to which extends through October 27, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows: